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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

DOD FOR ISA & JCS

NSC FOR MR. LOW

ARA FOR AMBASSADOR RYAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, MASS, PFOR, PA

SUBJECT: FY 76-77 MAP-M FOR PARAGUAY

REF: STATE 235974; B. ASUNCION 2240

1. I AM CONCERNED (REF A) THAT DEPARTMENT IS SUPPORTING A REDUCTION OF MAP-M FOR PARAGUAY TO \$400,000 IN FY 76 AND 77 AND MAP-M PHASE-OUT IN 77. STRONG MISSION OPPOSITION TO ANY SUCH ABRUPT REDUCTION WAS SET FORTH IN SOME DETAIL IN REF B, AND I URGE THAT ALL STATE PARTICIPANTS REVIEW THAT MESSAGE BEFORE FULL SAPRC MEETING OCT. 7 AND RECONSIDER WORKING-LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. REGARDING THE DATE OF THE PHASE-OUT, I WELCOMED THE SECRETARY'S DECISION OF NOVEMBER 1974 THAT MAP-M WOULD BE RETAINED IN PARAGUAY THROUGH FY 80, AND I AM FRANKLY PUZZLED AT REFTEL A'S REFERENCE TO A DIVERGENT ARA
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POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, CONTRARY TO THE SECRETARY'S

BELATED PREFERENCE. IN MY JUDGMENT A PHASE-OUT IN FY 80 WILL ALLOW US TO AVOID UNDESIRABLE POLITICAL AND OTHER EFFECTS OF OUR ABRUPT AND UNEXPECTED TERMINATION. IN VIEW OF THE LOGIC OF A PHASE-OUT IN 1980 AND THE SECRETARY'S DECISION IN THIS REGARD, I CANNOT HELP BUT QUESTION WHY THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN REOPENED FOR REVIEW BY SAPRC.

3. ON MAP-M LEVELS, THOUGH REF B ADDRESSED ISSUE OF POSSIBLE REDUCTION TO \$300,000 IN FY 76, WE BELIEVE SAME ARGUEMENTS WOULD APPLY TO REDUCTION TO \$400,000 FIGURE IN FY 76-77. ESSENTIALLY, OUR POSITION IS THAT REDUCTION TO \$400,000 (FROM \$700,000 IN FY 75) IS FAR TOO ABRUPT, THAT IT WOULD DRASTICALLY CURTAIN EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR SMALL CIVILIAN-ORIENTED PROGRAM (ALREADY REDUCED BY INFLATION) AND SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL BENEFITS WE DERIVE FROM PRESENT ALREADY VERY MODEST PROGRAM. (JUSTIFICATION FOR MAP-M IS THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED IN MY OVERVIEW STATEMENT IN CASP).

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